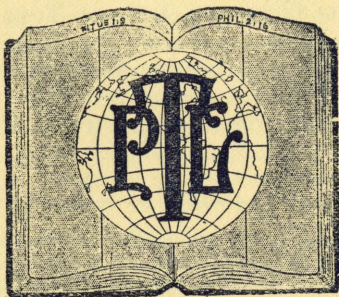


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A Movement which encircles  
the Globe.



*What It Is*  
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*How to Use It*

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## *What It Is*

The Pocket Testament League is a simple and practical method of inducing people everywhere to read God's Word daily and to carry a Bible or Testament with them wherever they go. It has become a great world-wide Movement composed of several million members. The simple conditions of membership are set forth in the League pledge:

I hereby accept membership in the Pocket Testament League by making it the habit of my life to read a portion of the Bible each day (at least a chapter, if possible,) and to carry a Bible or New Testament with me wherever I go.

Name .....

The pledge is not broken, if, on account of special circumstances, a day should be missed. But it is a willing undertaking to establish a daily habit of regular reading of the Bible and carrying at least the New Testament. Perseverance will soon fix the habit, and will bring God's Word into a new place of prominence in thought and action. Carrying will make possible more frequent reading, and will ensure that God's Word will always be at hand for unexpected opportunities of witnessing for Christ.

## *Its Origin*

The original Pocket Testament League was founded by Mrs. Charles M. Alexander in her school-days in Birmingham, England, as a means of winning her friends to Christ.

It was launched as a world-wide movement in 1908 by Mr. Charles M. Alexander and Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman, during their evangelistic campaigns in the United States. From that time the Pocket Testament League formed an integral part of their work as they journeyed round the world.

## *National Headquarters*

In 1916 the National Headquarters for the United States was established at 156 Fifth Ave., New York City. From this center the work has gone steadily forward. Volunteer workers send in their reports regularly and some 400,000 signed membership cards have been filed at the office. About one-tenth of this number have marked "I ACCEPT CHRIST" on the corner of their cards. Each day brings fresh evidences of God's approval on the work, as visitors and correspondents tell of lives changed and Christians more determined to use the Word of God in personal soul-winning.

## *What It Does*

### *In Personal Work*

The League is not only a Bible-reading and carrying Movement, but also a SOUL-WINNING AGENCY. It creates an interest in and a love for God's Word on the part of non-Christians, as well as Christians. It opens the way for personal evangelism, offering the soul-winner an effective means of approach to those who have never accepted Christ. There are many who would do definite soul-winning work if they knew just how to do it. To such the League opens up at once a direct avenue of service whereby they may do their part in making known to others God's plan of salvation through Christ. In fact, the League's plan of operation is so very simple that all may take advantage of the opportunities to promote it, and by this means bring the Bible, with its many messages of hope and comfort and its wonderful transforming power, close to the life of each person secured as a League member.

## *How to Use It*

The handing of a membership card or a Testament is an excellent way of establishing a contact. These are seldom refused when courteously offered.

Have them sign the League membership cards, promising to read and carry the little Books. Use the Testament in

explaining the Way of Salvation, and call particular attention to the John 3:16 decision card in the back of the Book.

### *In the Church*

Appoint a Bible Revival Sunday and ask your people to pray earnestly for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, having one or more prayer meetings during the week preceding the Bible Revival day. At the morning service that Sunday, preach a sermon on the Word of God, illustrating the discourse if desired, with striking examples of the power of the Word. At the close of the sermon, before the service ends, pass the Pocket Testament League membership cards (these are supplied free) urging all in the congregation to enroll in the movement by signing the cards then and there. Emphasize the need and value of carrying, as well as reading, the Word of God. Show how carrying will help one to read more, will encourage open confession to Christ, and help the most timid Christian to win souls. Explain at this time that there are no fees in connection with League membership. (Those who sign must provide themselves with suitable Testaments as soon as possible.)

If possible, sing the Rally Song, "Carry Your Bible," holding Testaments high. (Leaflets containing this song can be secured free with other literature from P. T. L. Headquarters. The song is also printed in the League Testament.) Have



the ushers collect the signed cards before the meeting closes and appoint some one responsible to keep a copy of names and addresses of those who have signed. (These names will form a nucleus for your Pocket Testament League group.) The cards should be forwarded promptly to the League Headquarters. If the church has arranged to give pocket Testaments free of cost to those who join the League, a Testament can be handed to each in exchange for the signed card. This plan may be followed in the Sunday School, Young People's meeting and at the evening service. If the Testaments have been presented, call attention to the decision form printed inside the back cover. Appeal for decisions and ask all who will accept Christ as their personal Saviour to indicate it on the membership card and urge them to sign their decision in their Testament also.

**A Grant Fund** has been established to provide League Testaments for those unable to procure their own. Gospel missions and workers among the poor and godless can often sign up numbers to read and carry God's Word, when we can give them a few Testaments to work with.

Will you help us? Checks should be made payable to **The Pocket Testament League, Inc.**, and these or other contributions sent to the National Headquarters or to the Chicago Council.

## The League at Work

**Schools:** Three colleges, faculty and students included, have been signed up 100% in the P. T. L.

**Rural:** This work is a most fruitful endeavor. Gospels of John by the thousands have been given out by workers with the promise that Testaments would be given in exchange for the Gospels that have been read through and returned with signed membership cards.

**Churches:** The Norwegian Lutheran young people have launched a campaign for 100,000 P. T. L. members. The Methodist women of the country have reached their goal of 50,000. The Disciples of Christ Church has over 33,000 League members. One Brooklyn, N. Y., church has over 800. The California and Montana C. E. Unions have adopted the P. T. L. on their Quiet Hour programs and hundreds of local societies throughout the country have followed suit.

**Prisons:** The prisoners have taken Testaments and promised to read a portion of God's Word every day. It is an inspiring sight to see the little Testaments protruding from the pockets of the clothing while they are going about their various tasks. In the Sunday afternoon Bible Study, Praise and Testimony meetings the pocket Testaments are significantly prominent by their presence and use.

One prisoner was glad that he came to prison as he had found Christ as his personal Saviour here.

**Among All Classes:** Among the signed cards sent us by a League member we found that of a Jewess, some Catholics, a Universalist and a German Lutheran from East Prussia (now in Buffalo), a professional "show girl," a dancer, a Methodist editor and the wife of an Episcopal rector. One was a bath girl and one a table waitress, one a milk man, one a book agent.

If you want a field of service, you can find it anywhere.

## Suggestions

1. A local secretary or committee should be chosen in each church to conserve and extend the P. T. L. work and to look after supplies.
2. Keep a complete list of all members. Mail the membership cards to League Headquarters promptly so that book-mark cards in acknowledgment of membership can be sent each member.
3. Keep in touch with those who wrote "I. A. C." on their membership cards.
4. Recommend that opportunity be given in Young People's Societies, Sunday School and Church Prayer Meetings, at least once a month, for P. T. L. workers to report experiences in enlisting others. We do not wish to multiply organizations or meetings, but simply to use the P. T. L. in existing organizations.
5. Establish a weekly Bible Class for the systematic study of God's Word. *"Study to show thyself approved unto God; a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."*—II Tim. 2:15.
6. Include League literature, membership cards, Testament and other supplies on your literature table.

## League Supplies

While any Bible or Testament may be carried by League members, the League editions, containing soul-winning helps and other special features, are especially recommended. Send for price list.